

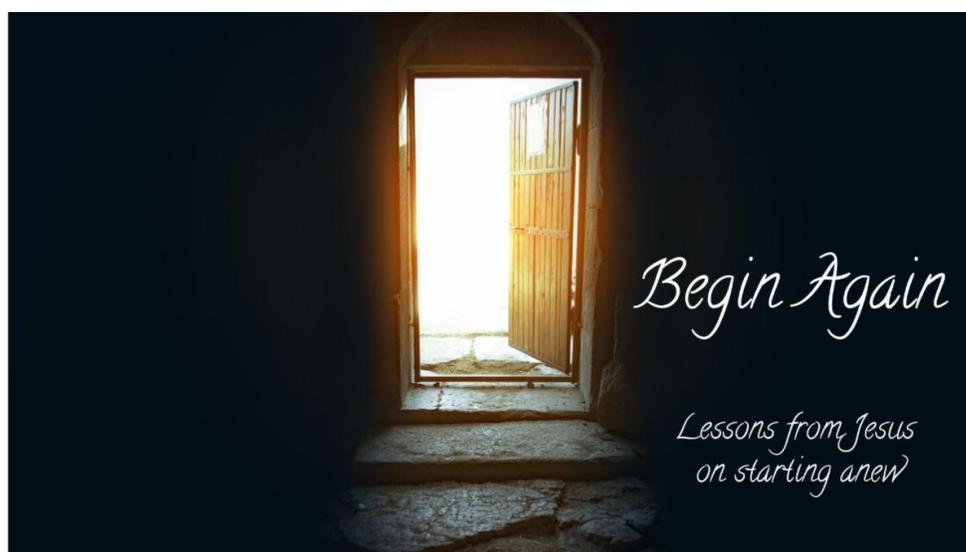
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FUMC eNews

a weekly publication



THIS SUNDAY



Sunday, June 6

Preacher: Taylor Fuerst
Scripture: Mark 4:35-41
Sermon: After the Storm

Worship

Due to Covid restrictions, our 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. in-person worship services have a limited capacity in the Sanctuary. Our 11:00 a.m. service is full this week, but there is still room to register for 9:00 a.m. [online](#). The services are identical this week. Don't forget, virtual worship will still be available at 11:00 a.m. each Sunday through our Zoom worship time, [YouTube Channel](#), and [Facebook page](#). Our [Interactive Worship on Zoom](#) includes opportunities to connect with one another, share prayer concerns, and view our video worship service together.

Sunday School

[Children's Sunday School](#) for Kindergarten-5th Grades is on break for June and will resume July 11, with Covid safety precautions, limited capacity, and registration required. [Youth Sunday School](#) will meet at 10:00 a.m. in person in front of the Family Life Center. Bring a chair and prepare to walk to the Capitol lawn. [Adult Sunday School](#) classes are beginning to meet in person or in hybrid formats. All interested parties should reach out to [class contacts](#) for more information.

NEWS & EVENTS

Stay up-to-date on events at fumcaustin.org/events.

We need your help to get back to worship and ministry in person!

Opportunities abound, even with a small amount of time available. Where is God calling you to serve?

A/V Team – The Audio/Visual Team needs two volunteers at the media center in the balcony each week to run worship slides and adjust audio. No experience is necessary and training is provided. Commitment is one Sunday per month. If you are interested, please contact Case Conner at case@fumcaustin.org.

Bulletin Assembly – This requires 1–2 hours weekly on a Thursday morning, typically from about 9–11 AM. It is “assembling” the bulletins for the 9:00 and 11:00 worship with inserts and having them ready for the ushers on Sunday morning. If you are interested in helping, please contact Tami Kellberg at 512–478–5684 or tami@fumcaustin.org.

Communion Helper – Communion Helpers are needed to help prepare communion. Setup includes purchasing the bread, setting up the altar, and cleanup after service. Communion is served every week at 9:00 a.m. and 1st Sundays at 11:00 a.m. If you are interested, please contact Sharon Doss at sldoss@austin.rr.com or Pastor Cathy at cathy@fumcaustin.org.

Sunday Receptionist – Answer phones and greet people as they enter the office area on an occasional basis on Sunday mornings. Volunteer weekly or monthly, whatever fits into your schedule. If you are interested in helping out, even if only once a month, please contact Marcia at 512–478–5684 or marcia@fumcaustin.org.

Sanctuary Steward – There are several opportunities to serve as a steward in our beautiful Sanctuary– keeping supplies stocked in the pews (pencils, envelopes, special envelopes, prayer concern cards, etc.), replenishing the attendance folders, and other duties. It would require about an hour per week or less, if we have several people helping. This could be done following the 11:00 worship service or sometime during the work week. It is a task that should be done weekly in order to keep up, however, if you can only help out once or twice a month, that is great. This is a perfect opportunity for a couple or a family to help at the church and be in service to your congregation. It is a simple task but a task that needs to be done. If you are interested, contact Marcia at the church office Monday thru Thursday, 9–2:30 p.m. at 512–478–5684 or marcia@fumcaustin.org.

Scripture Reader – A liturgist (reader) can be a lay person chosen by the pastor to read the scriptures or liturgy during worship. The pastor provides you with the readings several days prior to the service allowing you time to become “comfortable” in reading to the congregation. If you are interested in serving as a liturgist, please contact Pastor Taylor at taylor@fumcaustin.org.

Usher/Greeter – Serving as an Usher or Greeter is an excellent opportunity to meet other members, make new friends, and welcome visitors to FUMC Austin. The commitment is one Sunday a month at either the 9:00 or 11:00 a.m. service. If you are interested, please contact Chris Story at crstory@gmail.com.

Youth Sunday School Teachers – Sunday School Teachers serve one hour on Sunday mornings in our youth classrooms, monthly or weekly. Background checks and safety training are required. To get involved, contact devon@fumcaustin.org.

Children's Sunday School Teachers (beginning July 11) – Sunday School Teachers serve one hour on Sunday mornings in our children's classrooms, monthly or weekly. Background checks and safety training are required. To get involved, contact children@fumcaustin.org.



Churchwide Workday - Spring Cleaning

Saturday, June 5

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., 1:00–4:00 p.m.

[Sign up](#) for a shift to assist us with "spring cleaning" our facilities in preparation for opening worship. Unless it is raining, sign in at the table in the parking lot to receive your assignment!

Contact Dave Ballbach at dave@fumcaustin.org with any questions.



Appalachia Service Project

– Mark Steves

My first ASP trip was to Knox County, Kentucky, in 2005. My team worked on a home that had a roof leak and significant water damage to a bedroom. The home belonged to a man named Gary. The bedroom belonged to his young daughter, GaryAnn. She had a contagious smile and stole our hearts immediately. By the end of the week, we had repaired the roof and replaced sections of her floor and wall. We had made her home "warmer, safer and drier."

On Friday, the last day of the ASP work week, it is customary to take the afternoon off and spend the last few hours with the family. We present them with a handmade quilt, lovingly crafted by members of FUMC. We tell stories, laugh, cry, hug, and say goodbye to the family that has made their home our home for the past week. That first Friday, we were joined by Gary's parents, Butch and Janice. He was a country gospel singer, even having done some recording in his younger days. He asked us to sing Amazing Grace with him, which led to an afternoon of songs and hymns, all accompanied by Butch's high tenor harmony. When it was time to leave, he asked each of us for a hug. He called every one of us "honey." I've never forgotten his simple, natural grace, and the way he treated people he had just met. I think he probably treated everybody that way.

On Friday evening, when all the teams are back at the center, there is a closing session. Everybody sits in a circle and shares their experiences of the week. The staff gives each volunteer a small memento of their week at ASP. That year, we were given a bandana and a sharpie, and asked to write one word on the bandana that symbolized our week. Then we dipped it in water, twisted it, and tied it into a neckerchief. For 16 years now, my neckerchief has hung from the rearview mirror of my car. It always reminds me of the wonderful people I've met in Appalachia, the good work we've done, and the amazing youth of FUMC that I've been privileged to help lead in mission. That neckerchief also reminds me that my job is to be the church "out there in the world". Somewhere in it is written the word "honey."

The Appalachia Service Project has been a meaningful part of FUMC's mission out there in the world for almost 42 years now. It is especially important for our youth. I believe it can be a transformative experience for them – an experience that allows them to take everything they've learned and seen here to a beautiful part of the country they might not have otherwise ever seen, to meet and serve folks they probably would've never met. This trip helps to launch them into a lifetime of service. It cannot happen without the generosity and support of our FUMC family. Please consider donating toward this important mission of the church. For more information, contact Youth Director Devon Bailey at devon@fumcaustin.org.

GIVE ONLINE



Alternative Gifts for Father's Day

Order Deadline June 14

Fathers can be the hardest to shop for when gift time comes around. This Father's Day, we are encouraging gifts to be used by fathers across the globe as an alternative to the usual standby tie or some other gift item you might purchase. An alternative gift is a perfect way to let the men in your life know they are appreciated. Get started now by selecting the gifts you wish to symbolically give using our online form. Make your online payment from our website. A check can be sent to the church office, marked for Father's Day, if preferred. [Order Online](#).

Mercy & Justice Book Study:

The Second

Tuesdays, June 15–29, 6:30–8:00 p.m.

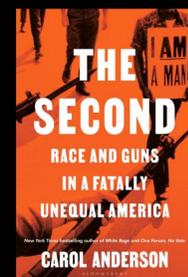
In *The Second*, historian and bestselling author of *White Rage*, Carol Anderson, powerfully illuminates the history and impact of the Second Amendment, how it was designed, and how it has consistently been constructed to keep African

Americans powerless and vulnerable. *The*

Second is neither a “pro-gun” nor an “anti-gun” book; the lens is the citizenship rights and human rights of African Americans. Zoom invitation will be sent with registration.

Contact Pastor Cathy at cathy@fumcaustin.org for additional information. This book will be released June 1. We encourage you to pre-order/purchase the book locally at Black Pearl Books or Book People.

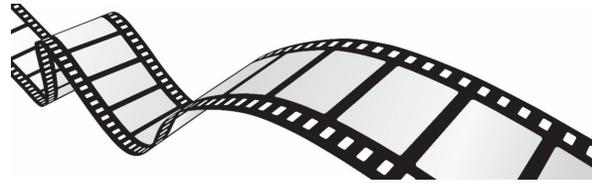
Mercy & Justice
Book Study



Movie Recs Needed

Starting June 27th, our summer worship series will focus on movies as a link to our faith and God's good news. So, we need you to help by sharing the titles of movies that have held a connection to your faith!

Who knows – your suggestion may be chosen for the series! Fill out this simple [response form](#) to share your ideas.



Summer Book Club

Now – August 8

Our summer book club is as easy as 1–2–3!

1. Pick your book.
2. Read your book.
3. Bring your book and discuss.

Adult books to choose from:

- *A Rhythm of Prayer: A Collection of Meditations for Renewal*/Edited by Sarah Bessey
- *Untamed* by Glennon Doyle
- *Just Faith: Reclaiming Progressive Christianity* by Guthrie Graves–Fitzsimmons
- *The Sun Does Shine: How I Found Life, Freedom, and Justice* by Anthony Ray Hinton
- *We Gon' Be Alright: Notes on Race and Resegregation* by Jeff Chang
- *Behold the Dreamers* by Imbolo Mbue

Young Adult book:

- *Watch Us Rise* by Renée Watson

Children's books:

- *We are Water Protectors* By Carole Lindstrom
- *Preaching to the Chickens: The Story of Young John Lewis* by Jabari Asim

Want to do more in response to what you read? Read with a small group or buddy and discuss while reading or, find a creative way to respond – a picture, poem, poster, button...

Gather with other summer readers to discuss books and share responses on August 8 at 10:00 a.m. in Murchison Chapel. For more information, contact Pastor Cathy at cathy@fumcaustin.org.



Manna Bags Needed

We are collecting assembled manna bags for our hungry neighbors experiencing homelessness. Officer Borton with the Homeless Outreach Street Team hands out manna bags to neighbors they work with and we have provided over 1,000 manna bags for distribution through the Downtown Austin Community Court. DACC has increased their client load and is needing more manna bags.

This is a great project for families or individuals, we'll take 8 or 100! Completed manna bags may be dropped off at the Family Life Center. Please email Pastor Cathy at cathy@fumcaustin.org with any questions about items to include and for her phone number to coordinate drop-off. She will unlock the FLC front door remotely. Manna bag

items could include: tuna or chicken lunch kit, peanut butter or cheese cracker sandwiches, Nutri Grain fruit bar, raisins, juice box, socks, and an encouraging message such as "God loves you."

JUNE MISSION EMPHASIS



Moved by Christ's love to pursue reconciliation and peace, The United Methodist Church honors the dignity of every individual made in God's image and is unwilling to turn a blind eye to injustice. This offering supports the peace and justice work of Austin Region of Justice for Our Neighbors (ARJFON), a United Methodist-affiliated immigration ministry that welcomes refugees and immigrants into our communities by providing free, high-quality immigration legal services, education, and advocacy. As a part of this nationwide effort, ARJFON hosts regular legal clinics to provide affordable immigration legal services to those with limited income. ARJFON's services are focused on family-based and humanitarian immigration law. Monetary donations may be left at our communion rail or sent to or brought by the church office during the month of June.

GIVE ONLINE

PRAYER CONCERNS

Submit a prayer request [online](#).

Within Our Congregation

Sandy Bowles, Bill and Shirley Derryberry, Karen Flournoy, Mari Perez, Sallie Novinger, Rick Ortiz, Dick Raycraft, Ann Teich, and Dan Wood.

Condolences to the family and friends of Pepper Huffman on the death of her husband, Maitland, and to the family and friends of Jim Parker on the death of his wife, Ruby.

Beyond Our Congregation

Curt Ashmos' friend, Elissa Marek; Grady Basler's sister, Tonya Basler Stout; Cheryl Bias' niece, Lauren Stafford; Fay Brown's sister, Jo Rene Altenburg; George Gaston's friend, Dr. Robert Wootton; Tamra Golden's sister, Serena; Marcia Houston's mother, Johnnie; Mary Faye Randolph's cousin, Joyce Elaine Pakebusch; Vice President of Rio Texas Conference UMW, Annye Jones; Cindy Reidland's friends, Carly and Colton Wimberly; Rio Texas Conference UMW secretary, Dianne Rumfield's husband, LD Rumfield III; Alan Stephens' father-in-law, Bob McBride, and his mother-in-law, Betty McBride; and Cindy Walter's friends, Phred Elliott & Teresa Elliott.



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